



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5972**

LCO No. 5423

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Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:  
(GL)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE RESALE OF TICKETS TO ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 53a-141 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

3 (a) A person is guilty of criminal simulation when: (1) With intent to  
4 defraud, he makes or alters any object in such manner that it appears  
5 to have an antiquity, rarity, source or authorship which it does not in  
6 fact possess; or (2) with knowledge of its true character and with intent  
7 to defraud, he issues or possesses an object so simulated.

8 (b) Criminal simulation is a class [A misdemeanor] D felony.

9 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) Any person who resells a  
10 ticket to an entertainment event, including, but not limited to, a  
11 sporting event, a concert or a theatrical or an operatic performance,  
12 shall refund the purchaser of such ticket the full amount, including all  
13 service fees and delivery charges paid by the purchaser for such ticket  
14 if any of the following occurs: (1) The event for which the ticket is

15 resold is cancelled, (2) the ticket received by the purchaser does not  
 16 grant the purchaser admission to the event described on the ticket, or  
 17 (3) the ticket fails to conform to its description as advertised by the  
 18 ticket reseller.

19 (b) A violation of subsection (a) of this section is a class B  
 20 misdemeanor.

21 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) No person shall resell,  
 22 offer to resell or solicit the resale of a ticket to an entertainment event,  
 23 including, but not limited to, a sporting event, a concert, or a theatrical  
 24 or an operatic performance, on the day of such event, within one  
 25 thousand five hundred feet from the physical structure where such  
 26 event is scheduled to take place, if such resale is not authorized, in  
 27 writing, by the owner or operator of such structure or event or a duly  
 28 authorized agent of such owner or operator.

29 (b) A violation of subsection (a) of this section is a class A  
 30 misdemeanor.

31 Sec. 4. Section 53-289 of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*  
 32 *October 1, 2007*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	53a-141
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	Repealer section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To repeal the ticket scalping statute, to increase the penalty for counterfeiting tickets and to protect consumers who purchase tickets from unscrupulous ticket resellers.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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